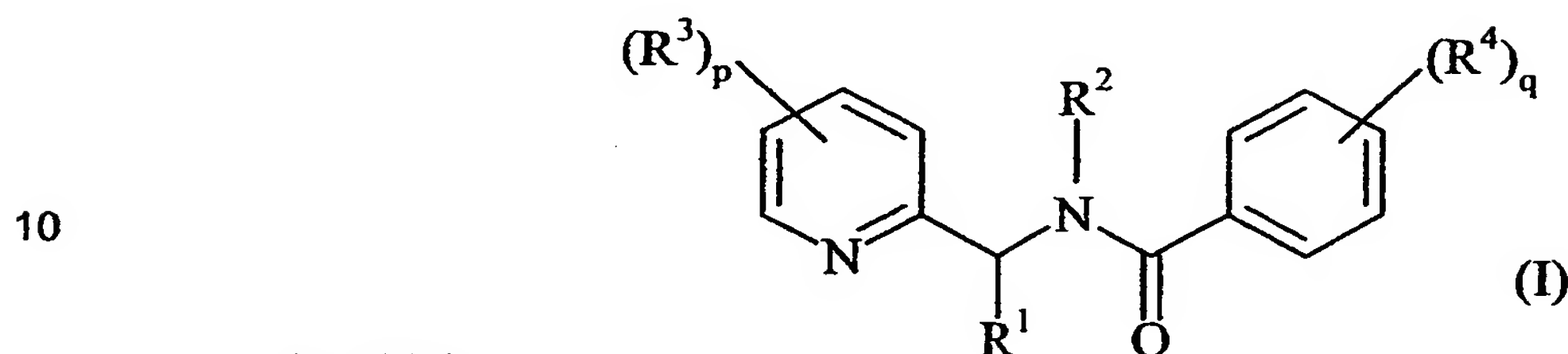


CLAIMS

- 5 1. A composition comprising :
a) a pyridylmethylbenzamide derivative of general formula (I)



in which :

- R¹ may be a hydrogen atom, an optionally substituted alkyl group or an optionally substituted acyl group;
- 15 - R² may be a hydrogen atom or an optionally substituted alkyl group;
- R³ and R⁴ may be chosen independently from each other as being a halogen atom, a hydroxyl group, a cyano group, a nitro group, -SF₅, a trialkylsilyl group, an optionally substituted amino group, an acyl group, or a group E, OE or SE, in which E may be an alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, aryl or a heterocycl
- 20 group each of which may optionally be substituted;
- p represents 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4;
- q represents 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4;

and its agriculturally acceptable optical and/or geometric isomers, tautomers and addition salts with an acid or a base;

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b) N-dichlorofluoromethylthio-N',N'-dimethyl-N-p-tolylsulfamide;

in a (a) / (b) weight ratio of from 0.01 to 10.

- 30 2. A composition according to claim 1, characterised in that R¹ and R² are chosen independently from each other as being a hydrogen atom or an optionally substituted alkyl group.

3. A composition according to claim 3, characterised in that R¹ and R² are both hydrogen atoms.

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4. A composition according to any one of the claims 1 to 3, characterised in that R^3 and R^4 are chosen independently from each other as being a halogen atom, a hydroxyl group, a nitro group, an optionally substituted amino group, an acyl group, or a group E, OE or SE, in which E may be a alkyl, a cycloalkyl, a phenyl or a heterocyclyl group, each of which may optionally be substituted.

5. A composition according to claim 4, characterised in that R^3 and R^4 are chosen independently from each other as being a halogen atom, a nitro group or a halogenoalkyl group.

6. A composition according to claim 5, characterised in that the halogen atom is a chlorine atom and the halogenoalkyl group is a trifluoromethyl group.

7. A composition according to any one of the claims 1 to 6, characterised in that p and q are chosen independently from each other as being 1 or 2.

8. A composition according to claim 7, characterised in that p is 2.

9. A composition according to claim 7 or 8, characterised in that q is 2.

10. A composition according to any one of the claims 1 to 9, characterised in that the compound of general formula (I) is chosen as being

- a compound (Ia) which is 2,6-dichloro-N-[[3-chloro-5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]methyl]benzamide; or

- a compound (Ib) which is N-[[3-chloro-5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]methyl]-2-fluoro-6-nitrobenzamide; or

- a compound (Ic) which is N-[[3-chloro-5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]methyl]-2-methyl-6-nitrobenzamide.

11. A composition according to any one of the claims 1 to 10, characterised in that the (a) / (b) weight ratio is of from 0.05 to 0.5.

12. A composition according to claim 11, characterised in that the (a) / (b) weight ratio is of from 0.1 to 0.2.

13. A composition according to any one of the claims 1 to 12 further comprising a fungicidal compound (c).

14. A composition according to claim 13, characterised in that the additional
5 fungicidal compound is selected from phosphorous acid derivative, phosphorous acid itself, or alkali metal, alkaline-earth metal or metallic salts thereof.

15. A composition according to claim 14, characterised in that the additional
10 fungicidal compound is ethyl hydrogen phosphonate.

16. A composition according to any one of the claims 13 to 15, characterised in that compound (c) is present in an amount of (a) : (b) : (c) weight ratio of from 0.01 : 1 : 0.1 to 10 : 1 : 10; the ratios of compound (a) and compound (c) varying independently from each other.

17. A composition according to any one of the claims 1 to 16, characterised in that it further comprises an agriculturally acceptable support, carrier, filler and/or surfactant.

18. A method for preventively or curatively controlling phytopathogenic fungi of crops, characterised in that an effective and non-phytotoxic amount of a composition according to any one of the claims 1 to 17 is applied to the seed, the plant and/or to the fruit of the plant or to the soil in which the plant is growing or in which it is desired to grow.

19. A method according to claim 18, characterised in that the plant is vine.